





### Jordan brings exporters to Berlin fair

FROM SEPT. 30 to Oct. 4, 1981 the Berlin Exhibition Grounds were the venue for the 19th Overseas Import Fair "Partners for Progress". This was organised by AMK Berlin on an overall exhibition area 20,941 square metres. About 1,180 exhibitors, firms and trading organisations from 62 countries and territories displayed their ranges of export goods. Jordan has been a regular participant in the Overseas Import Fair in Berlin for the past 15 years and in that time has seen exports to Germany and other European countries increase steadily. The latest available annual figure for total exports from Jordan is approximately JD 1.6, and last year was a successful one for foreign trade. Not only are neighbouring Arab countries

purchasing Jordanian products in increasing numbers, but the European countries are showing greater interest in the wide range of items, from traditional raw materials to finished and semi-finished goods. A total of 28 companies were represented, offering garments, chemicals, food and drinks, pharmaceuticals, carpets, underwear, bags and other leather goods, sanitary ware, cigarettes, luxury foodstuffs, batteries and handicrafts. The many visitors to the Overseas Import Fair Berlin displayed a keen interest in many of the items displayed and it is expected that the increased efforts by Jordanian exporters will be rewarded by good follow-up business after the fair.

### Refugees voice plight

AMMAN, Oct. 18 (J.T.) — The services offered by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) should be considered an "international responsibility" which must be "maintained and continued at a proper and reasonable standard," the General Committee of Refugee Camps in Jordan said today. A statement addressed to the presidents of the U.N. General Assembly, and Security Council and to the world body's secretary general, said efforts should be exerted to provide the necessary funds to enable UNRWA to "continue its complete services."

The statement warned of "a tendency to end UNRWA's services and of the agencies complicity in the conspiracy." "The commissioner general should be categorically and firmly informed that it is not his right or responsibility to adopt decisions on this matter without referring to the U.N. General Assembly," the statement added. He should be "asked to rationalise expenditures, particularly in matters related to the appointment of international employees, to transfer UNRWA headquarters to the region, to appoint neutral and Arab employees at UNRWA's administration board (the cabinet) and to stop practices which harm the refugees and their just cause," the statement said. It stressed the "responsibility of the United Nations in creating the tragedy of Palestinian refugees, since it took the initiative to deal with their problem, a thing which resulted in the creation of the state of Israel and in their displacement and expulsion from their homeland."

### Radio, television stations planned for Yarmouk Uni.

IRBID, Oct. 18 (Petra) — Yarmouk University will establish local radio and television stations, the university's Royal Commission announced here today. It said that the one-kilowatt radio station, to be run by the university's department of journalism and mass communication, will initially broadcast for two hours daily. The television station to be run by the same department, will also have a two-hour daily telecast, the announcement said. It said that the two stations will go into operation early next year.

### Dutch team here today

AMMAN, Oct. 18 (J.T.) — A Jordanian-Dutch trade meeting will be held tomorrow, Monday, Oct. 19, at the Amman Intercontinental Hotel, the Dutch embassy in Amman announced today. The embassy has invited Jordanian businessmen, importers and merchants to the meeting where they can talk to representatives of 23 Dutch firms and review a display of a range of their products. The meeting, it said, will start at 7:30 p.m.

### Swiss team here Friday

AMMAN, Oct. 18 (J.T.) — A delegation of Swiss businessmen will visit Amman on Oct. 23. The visit was organised by the Arab-Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Geneva. The delegation will comprise experts in automatic food industry machines, electric industries production devices, utilisation of solar energy and furniture for offices, hospitals and factories. The Amman Chamber of Industry will contact Jordanian experts and businessmen in order to arrange meetings with the Swiss delegation at the Chamber of Industry hall to discuss industrial cooperation.

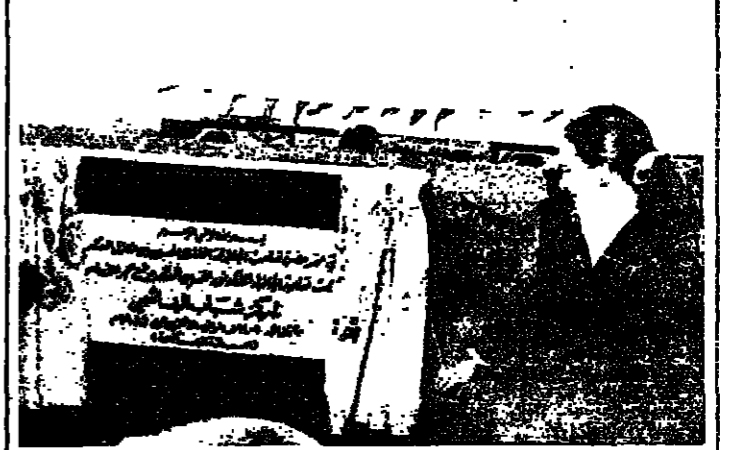
### Abu Odeh ends visit to Britain

AMMAN, Oct. 18 (Petra) — Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh returned to Amman today at the end of a 7-day official visit to the United Kingdom at the invitation of the British government.

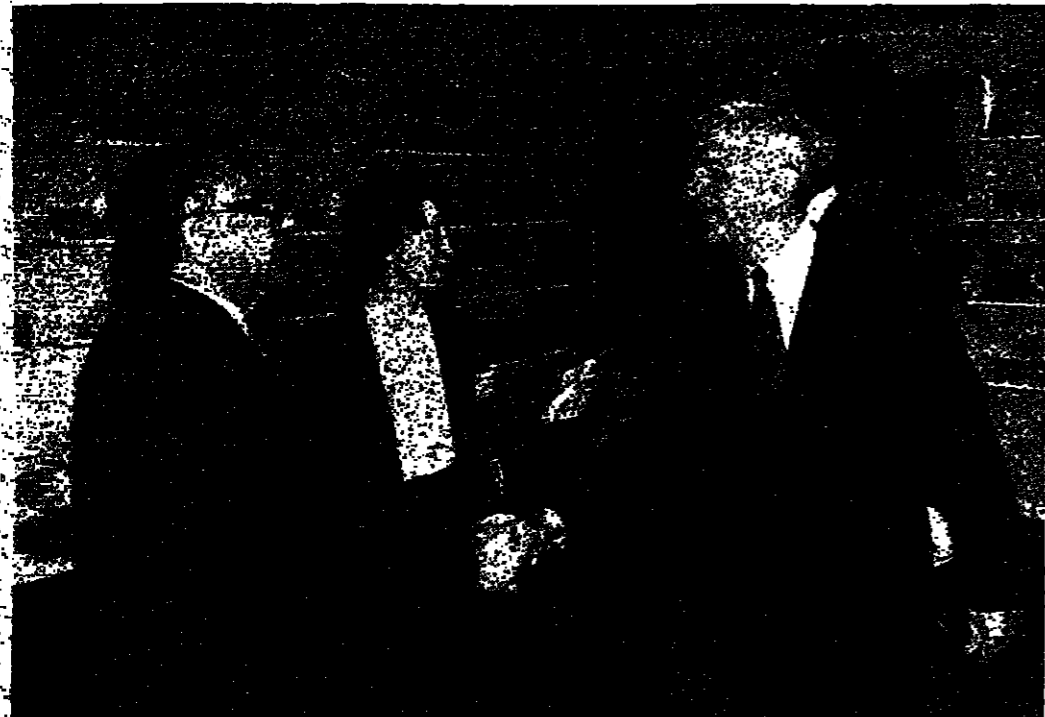
Mr. Abu Odeh said the aim of his visit was to exchange views on the Middle East issue and its various developments with British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Douglas Hurd. He said he also discussed the situation in the Middle East area with several British members of parliament and senior editors of the BBC.

Mr. Abu Odeh said he also addressed the Royal Institute of International Affairs and that a lengthy discussion took place on new developments in the Middle East.

### Noor lays corner stone for youth centre, club



AMMAN, Oct. 18 (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor today laid down the foundation stone of the Al Hashimi Al Shamali Youth Centre and the Al Nasr Sports Club. The ceremony was attended by Amman Mayor Isam Ajjouni and senior officials of Amman Municipality. At the end of the ceremony, a thorough-bred horse was presented to Her Majesty by the people of the area. The cost of the two centres is estimated at JD 4 million, to be spent over a four year period (1981-84). Each centre will include an auditorium and a soccer playground at the first stage. In the second stage, a social building, a children's garden and basketball and volleyball playgrounds will be established. In the third and fourth stages, gymnasiums and swimming pools will be established. Her Majesty the Queen also attended a party given by the popular committee of Jabal Al Nasr. In her capacity as honorary chairman of the club, Her Majesty visited the club's temporary building. The president of the club presented her with a copy of the Holy Koran as a gift.



Fawzi Zabaneh, director of Jordan's pavilion at the Berlin Overseas Import Fair (left), welcoming Berlin Governing Mayor Richard von Weizsaecker and Mrs. I. Graf of AMK Berlin (above) and West German State Secretary for Economic Cooperation K. Porzner (below).



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### Agreement for Nweijeess hospital signed



Health Minister Zuhair Malhas (Middle) signs an agreement for the groundwork of the Nweijeess medical complex in Amman Sunday. A representative of the foreign firm Herman Smith (right) is seen signing the agreement, while Dr. Barmawi sits to the left of the minister. (Petra photo)

AMMAN, Oct. 18 (J.T.) — A foreign firm Herman Smith and Co., signed an agreement with the Health Ministry today to prepare the groundwork for the establishment of a medical complex at Nweijeess near Amman. Under the three-year agreement, the company will prepare basic designs for the infrastructure and a comprehensive plan for the project. It will also offer advisory services in the selection of contractors that will implement the project and will oversee the construction work itself. The JD 375,000 agreement was signed for Jordan by Health Minister Zuhair Malhas and for the company by its general manager. The project, to be set up on a 170-dunum area just north of here, is expected to have an overall cost of JD 25 million, according to Dr. Mustapha Al Barmawi, the Health Ministry's director of projects. He said the new complex will have a 550-bed hospital which will also serve as Jordan's central blood bank. It will have X-ray and isotop units, a section for the treatment of drug addicts and a centre for forensic medicine, he said. According to Dr. Barmawi, the complex will also include an integrated nursing college, doctors' and nurses' quarters and a centre for the treatment of kidney ailments. The complex will also serve as a centre for training doctors in various specialisations, Dr. Barmawi said.

### NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

#### Foreign minister receives U.K. envoy

AMMAN, Oct. 18 (Petra) — Foreign Minister Marwan Al Salem received in his office today British Ambassador to Jordan in Urwick. They reviewed Jordanian-British relations and plans of developing bilateral cooperation in the various fields.

#### Talhouni leaves for Bulgaria

AMMAN, Oct. 18 (Petra) — Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Bahjat Talhouni today left for Bulgaria for a week-long visit at the invitation of the Bulgarian government. He will end celebrations marking the establishment of the Bulgarian emb. Delegations from other Arab states will attend the celebrations which will start on Tuesday.

#### Tal, Masri review Jerusalem status

AMMAN, Oct. 18 (Petra) — Education Minister Sa'id Tal visited in his office today Jordan's Ambassador to France Taher Masri, who is also the country's permanent representative at Paris-based United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). They discussed UNESCO's recent decision to place Jerusalem under the jurisdiction of its world heritage committee. They reviewed the measures which committee is expected to take to safeguard the holy city's oriental heritage.

#### Jordan's water plan at Paris meeting

AMMAN, Oct. 18 (Petra) — Dr. Abdul Aziz Wishah, director of underground water section at the Natural Resources Authority left here for Paris today to participate in a training course recently being held in the French capital on the subject of plan-water development in arid and semi-arid regions. Dr. Wishah will deliver a lecture during the course on the Jordanian national water plan.

#### Zarqa chamber to offer English courses

RQA, Oct. 18 (Petra) — The Zarqa Chamber of Commerce has decided to start free-of-charge English language training courses for students in the secondary stage. The chamber intends to offer similar courses in the second semester of the current academic year, the chamber's president said. He added that the member of Commerce has presented material assistance to the Basma mental health centre in the city and the Al Manar centre for mentally retarded people as well as the Zarqa Sports Club. He did not specify the amount or type of the material assistance.

#### JTV takes part in ASBU seminar

AMMAN, Oct. 18 (Petra) — Jordan Television will take part in a seminar on the administration and structural organisation of radio and television stations which will open in Rabat on Oct. 22. Delegates from Arab States Broadcasting Union members will take part in the two-day seminar. JTV will be represented by its deputy director general Farouq Zoubi and the director of its production centre Jawad Maraqa. They will leave Amman for the Moroccan capital tomorrow.

#### Arab-Canadian seminar

AMMAN, Oct. 18 (Petra) — The Amman Chamber of Industry has received an invitation from the Arab-Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Montreal to take part in a seminar on Arab-Canadian joint investment projects. During the seminar to open on Nov. 11, participants will discuss effective means for developing and boosting economic cooperation between Canada and the Arab states, the exchange of expertise and the feasibility of joint economic ventures.

#### 85 start surveying courses

AMMAN, Oct. 18 (Petra) — Eighty-five students have started surveying studies at the Jordanian Geographical Centre. Three courses in survey engineering, draughting and mechanical surveying began at the centre today. They will run between 14 and 24 months.

#### Supply violators fined

AMMAN, Oct. 18 (Petra) — The military court has fined 23 merchants JD 50 each after finding them guilty of violating Ministry of Supply regulations. The sentences were approved by the military governor today.

#### Irbid projects

IRBID, Oct. 18 (Petra) — Irbid Municipality has allocated JD 450,000 for the maintenance and asphaltting of 300 square metres of the city's streets. Work on the project is expected to start later this month. The Public Works Department in Irbid meanwhile announced that it has started work on constructing a road linking Deir Yousef with Kufri Kiffa villages in Irbid Governorate. Work on the 4-kilometre road is expected to cost JD 35,000, it said. Also in Irbid a dentistry clinic has been opened by the Health Department to offer services to the labour sector in Irbid Governorate. The clinic is part of the labourers' medical complex which also includes a general medicine clinic, a laboratory and pharmacy.

**ARE YOU...**  
Staging a play? Putting on a concert? Delivering a lecture? Organising any non-profit activity open to the public?  
Do you have any kind of event to announce to the Jordan Times' readers? The What's Going On listing is always open to receive entries, preferably written ones, in English or Arabic... free of charge.  
Entries should be received at the Jordan Times office, by hand or by mail, at least 24 hours before the scheduled event.  
Let us know!

**WHAT'S GOING ON**

- Painting exhibitions
  - \* By Yousef Baddawi at Holiday Inn Hotel.
  - \* By Munir Abu Al Ula Darraz at the Jordan Artists' Association Gallery.
- Book exhibition
  - \* The British Council presents a selection of recent British books on home management, food and nutrition, needlework and dressmaking, child care, secretarial and business studies.
- Graphic arts exhibition
  - \* The Goethe Institute presents "Graphic Arts From Frankfurt," opening at 6 p.m.
- Australia and New Zealand Amman Club (ANZAC)
  - \* Holds a meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. Phone 37003 for details.

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# The wonders of nasal spray

By Lella Stiernborg

At the turn of the decade women may be sniffing their way to fertility control. A nasal spray containing a new contraceptive is now being tested in our countries — Canada, Sweden, the United States and West Germany.

The contraceptive is the synthetic double of a naturally occurring hormone, the luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone (LHRH). This substance is produced by the brain and acts as a trigger in the stimulation of male and female sex hormones. In males a slight increase in the levels of LHRH at a mid-point of

the menstrual cycle causes ovulation. But this can be prevented by taking regular small doses of the more potent synthetic hormone, with a nasal spray or otherwise.

This primary role of LHRH in controlling reproduction was fully established 10 years ago. It offers exciting possibilities for the development of a new family of contraceptives just as the ovarian hormones paved the way for the development of the Pill, says Dr. Malcolm Potts, the Executive Director of the International Fertility Research Programme.

The main advantage of LHRH is that its effect is highly specific. It acts exclusively in the pituitary gland and the gonads, thus avoiding the side-effects associated with

the Pill. Moreover, while the contents of the Pill remain in the bloodstream for long periods, LHRH ceases to be active within minutes after its administration and is degraded into inactive fragments. Since LHRH is effective in the treatment of cancer of the breast and the prostate gland, there is no fear that cancer could be a complication of fertility control using LHRH.

Dr. Potts, writing in People, argues that much of the knowledge needed for developing new or improved methods of contraception already exists. But progress is slow for two reasons: the disappointing level of funding for contraceptive research and the ever-more rigorous regulations that govern the development of

contraceptives for general use.

He instances the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's requirements concerning contraceptives, which mean that a new drug can cost anything up to \$50 million and ten years of work before it can be released for general use. This is why the drug companies, the major source of innovations, are withdrawing from the field says Dr. Potts.

He called for a return to a "rational mid-point" in government regulation controlling drug research and a more equitable system of compensating those who may suffer from (rare) adverse effects. He also stressed the need to design methods of contraception which would be popular and acceptable, rather than

concentrating entirely on "effectiveness".

Apart from LHRH, most other important developments in contraceptive research are still a long way off. Among the experimental approaches reported in People are the use of a super glue or crazy glue for non-surgical female sterilisation and a vaccine against pregnancy. The glue introduced into the fallopian tube by a specially-designed device, causes a local reaction leading to the hardening and blocking of the tubes over a period of three months. The glue itself disintegrates and is removed from the body.

The vaccine, directed at the placental hormones, still faces severe problems. As its effectiveness wears off the risk of conception and of abortion at later stages of pregnancy increases.

Like the anti-pregnancy vac-

cine, a new contraceptive pessary that could bring on delayed menses, still has some unacceptable side-effects, although much less severe. The relatively high doses of prostaglandins (a hormone that causes uterine muscle contraction) required for inducing menstruation, causes pain, vomiting diarrhoea.

Prospects for the development of a male contraceptive which prevents sperm production without affecting male sex drive, are also good, according to People.

While these are all methods couples have to wait a while, the 1980s may yet see the development of safer steroid pills, improved intra-uterine devices, barrier contraceptives such as sponges impregnated with spermicides, long-acting hormonal implants and injections, and refinements in accuracy of the natural family

planning methods, says IPPF Medical Director Dr. Pramilla Senanayake.

Improvements in the Pill will be effected through minor adjustments in dosage to overcome some of the unwanted side-effects. Improvements in long-acting steroidal hormones are directed at making them more target-oriented while achieving maximum effectiveness and minimising side-effects. One approach uses sub-dermal implants and vaginal rings, the former providing effective contraception for periods of up to five years. Another approach uses biodegradable polymers in microscopic implants which can be programmed to release the active agent only during specific periods.

Barrier and natural family planning methods which are staging a come-back as a result of fears

of side-effects of the more effective methods of contraception, will also see further refinements. Among these is a simple urine test developed with WHO support, that could help women to predict their "safe period" more accurately and make natural family planning more reliable.

The need for new contraceptives, when so many different methods are already available, is explained by Dr. Malcolm Potts. "Even in the 1980s there is no contraceptive sufficiently predictable that all individuals can achieve their fertility goals for a lifetime merely by its use". People points out "the sooner society provides the best possible range of modern contraceptive methods, the less resort there will be to abortion, legal or otherwise".

People News Features

# Population will not exceed 11 billion

By Tomas Freljka

The decade of the 1970's has been among the most important periods in the demographic history of mankind. Numerous large nations around the globe, most notably China, irreversibly departed from traditional high fertility levels. The rate of mortality decline in a number of countries seems to have slowed. Fertility declined rapidly in many developed countries, and some European countries even experienced declines in the size of their population. Despite this, the world population continues to possess a considerable growth momentum.

If one were to assume an unrealistically rapid fertility decline, worldwide replacement level fertility (two surviving children per couple) would be reached in the early 1980s, and world population would increase 0.7 billion before stabilising. On the other hand, if one assumes a moderate global fertility decline with replacement level fertility being reached in 2040-5, as happened in the now developed countries in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, world population would reach 13.5 billion by the end of the 21st century.

Judging from the varying demographic, economic, political, and social conditions around the globe, more plausible assumptions all between these two extremes. Some countries appear to be experiencing rapid fertility decline for example China — but elsewhere, as in most African countries and in many countries of West and South Asia, societal conditions remain conducive to

sustained high fertility.

If replacement level fertility is reached by the turn of the century world population would eventually stabilise at 8.5 billion. Reaching replacement level fertility in 2020-25 would bring about a stabilised world population of almost 11 billion.

In short, the growth momentum is such that the world population, currently at 4.4 billion, is not likely to stabilise before the second half of the 21st century by which time it is likely to have at least doubled, though not tripled.

The difference in the growth momentum between the developing and the developed countries is considerable. Assuming that the developing countries reach replacement level fertility by the end of this century and maintain it thereafter, and that the developed countries maintain constant replacement level fertility, the developing countries would still be increasing at a rate of over one per cent per year around the year

2000 — a rate three times higher than that of the developed countries.

Thus during the 21st century the population of the developing countries would grow by another 50 per cent, whereas the population of the developed countries would grow by about five per cent before stabilising.

The distribution of the world population is also certain to continue to change rapidly. At present about 75 per cent of the world population is in the developing countries of Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Within 50 years, the proportion of the world population residing in the developing countries is likely to be close to 90 per cent.

Population growth prospects are quite similar for individual parts of the developed world: Europe, North America, Australia, New Zealand and the Soviet Union. Their growth momentum is weak and they are likely to continue growing moderately over the next several decades, approximately by 15 to 30 per cent. During the first half of the 21st century, in some cases as early as the turn of the century, some of them may experience a decline in the size of their populations.

The population growth prospects for major areas of the developing world exhibit considerable diversity. East Asia's population is not likely to double by the second half of the next century, whereas Africa's present

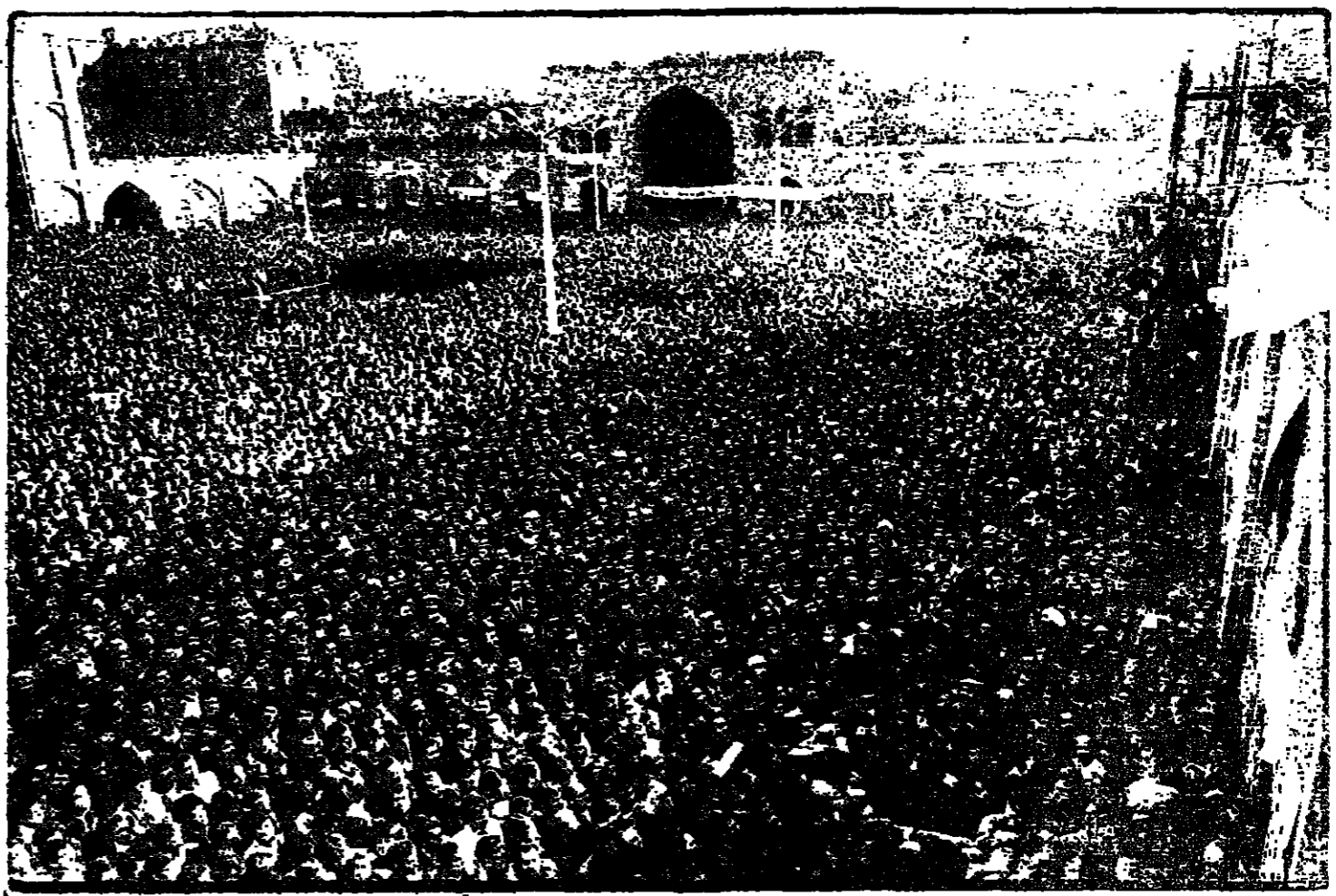
population is virtually certain to triple if not more.

The rapid mortality and fertility declines observed in most populations of East Asia in the recent past have brought about the smallest population growth momentum among the developing regions. If Chinese policy aspirations of a zero population growth rate by the end of the century are fulfilled, the population of this area, presently estimated at over 1.1 billion, will not reach 2 billion during the next century.

Given the relatively slow mortality and fertility declines in South Asia broadly defined — reaching from the Philippines to Turkey — the population growth prospects have not changed very much. The 1980 population of almost 1.5 billion is likely to at least double and possibly triple, so that a population of around 3.5 to 5.0 billion can be expected in the second half of the next century.

The population growth momentum of Latin America appears similar to that of South Asia. A doubling of its population by the Middle of the 21st century appears almost certain and a tripling is a strong possibility. Latin America's population, now at less than 400 million, could number between 800 and 1,200 million by the second half of the 21st century.

In contrast to all other parts of the developing world, the range of possible trajectories of future population growth for Africa has broadened. Mortality is still high,



Despite the fertility decline in several countries, world population continues to grow. (Gamma photo)

although it has apparently been declining, but fertility has remained high throughout the continent. Africa's population could increase four to sixfold by

the second half of the 21st century. Thus we continue to live in an age of major demographic transformations. The global and regional

population growth prospects just outlined make it clear that this age of demographic turbulence is bound to continue for at least several more decades. World popu-

lation stability is not to be expected, if at all, before the second half of the 21st century.

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